

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of claims shall replace all prior versions and listings of the claims.

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

receiving, from a remote device, ~~at a computing device~~ at least one risk/return preference that is provided by a user;

selecting, based on the at least one risk/return preference, a plurality of instruments comprising: ~~at least one equity instrument and at least one fixed return instrument;~~

(i) a first financial instrument of a first type that comprises an intellectual property right; and

(ii) a second financial instrument of a second type, in which the second type differs from the first type;

storing at ~~[[a]]~~ the computing device the selected plurality of instruments in an investment trust ~~that, in which the investment trust comprises a the plurality of selected instruments and is traded on an exchange, and in which the~~ remote device and the computing device are in communication via a network ~~at least one equity instrument and the at least one fixed return instrument of the investment trust may be traded separately from the investment trust;~~

tracking ~~by~~ via a computing device a performance of the investment instrument and a performance of each of the selected plurality of instruments on the exchange;

storing at ~~[[a]]~~ the computing device the performances ~~of each of the selected plurality of instruments in a database, in which the database comprises a plurality of performances for each of the selected plurality of instruments of the investment trust; and~~

determining by ~~[[a]]~~ the computing device, based on the performances, to trade at least one share of the investment trust; and

transmitting via the computing device a request to trade the share of the investment trust.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising  
determining, based on a performance of at least one of the selected plurality of  
instruments, to trade the at least one instrument; and  
transmitting via the computing device ~~by a computer processor~~ a request to trade the at  
least one instrument on the exchange.
3. (Cancelled).
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, in which the act of tracking the  
performance of ~~one~~ each of the selected plurality of instruments further comprises ~~at least~~  
~~one of~~:  
monitoring a value of each ~~the~~ selected instrument in real-time; and  
monitoring a value of each ~~the~~ selected instrument over a period of time.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[4]]~~ 1, in which the act of tracking the  
performance of the investment trust further comprises: ~~comprising calculating a value of~~  
~~each of the selected plurality of instruments in the investment trust;~~  
~~adjusting the value of each selected instrument by an external factor;~~  
computing, based on the determined value of each selected instrument, generating  
an aggregate value of the ~~investment instrument, in which the aggregate value is derived~~  
~~from the adjusted value of each selected instrument in the investment trust;~~ and  
adjusting ~~transmitting a request to sell each share of the investment trust at the~~  
aggregate value by an external factor ~~on the exchange~~.
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, in which the external factor  
comprises at least one of:  
a management cost of managing the selected instrument;  
an income accrued from each of the selected plurality of instrument;  
a fee associated with a custody; and

a fee associated with clearing cost ~~eustody~~.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
determining that at least one of the selected plurality of instruments of the investment trust has expired, in which the at least one instrument comprises a type; and  
replacing the expired instrument with a new instrument, in which the new instrument shares the same type with the at least one instrument.  
~~selecting a second instrument from the database, in which the second instrument comprises a risk/return preference that is similar to that of the expired instrument;~~  
~~transmitting a request to purchase the second instrument on the exchange; and~~  
~~removing the expired investment instrument from the investment trust; and~~  
~~storing the second instrument in the investment trust.~~

8-16. (Cancelled).

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, in which the second type of the second financial instrument plurality of instruments comprises ~~an intellectual property right~~ and at least one of:  
a stock,  
a bond,  
a debt instrument,  
an exchange traded-fund,  
a mutual fund,  
a currency,  
a commodity,  
an equity investment,  
a futures investment,  
a futures contract, and  
a dividend-paying investment,

~~a right to receive royalties,~~  
a real property, and  
~~or~~ a personal property.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, in which the risk/return preference comprises at least one of:

a growth in equity that is selected by the user,  
a rate of return that is selected by the user, and

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising  
receiving a request to redeem the investment trust;  
calculating a value of the investment trust; and  
converting the investment trust into the value in cash.

20. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising:  
a processor; and  
a memory, in which the memory stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 1.

21. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 20, in which the memory stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 2.

22. (Cancelled).

23. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 20 in which the memory stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 4.

24. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 20, in which the memory stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 5.

25. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 24, in which the memory stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 6.

26. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 20 in which the memory stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 7.

27. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 20, in which the memory stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 17.

28. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 20, in which the memory stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 18.

29. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 20, in which the memory stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 19.

30. Cancelled.

31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, in which the first type of the first financial instrument comprises at least one of:

~~wherein the intellectual property right comprises~~

a right to receive royalties on a copyright; and  
a right to receive royalties on a patent.

32. Cancelled.

33. (New) The apparatus of claim 20, in which the memory stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 31.